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Missouri's
Probation and
Parole Board has
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St. Joseph and
Farmington.
Construction is
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Community Supervision Center to be Built in Poplar Bluff

The Missouri Department of Corrections has announced that an option to purchase property for the Poplar Bluff Community Supervision Center has been accepted by the owner. In response to a recent request for public comment, the property located on Industrial Park Road received significant support including endorsements from the Butler County Commission and "Daily American Republic" publisher Don Schrieber.

"I appreciate and thank the leaders of Poplar Bluff and their legislative delegation, including State Sen. Rob Mayer, R-Dexter, and State Rep. Gayle Kingery, R-Poplar Bluff, for their support. We are committed to public safety and look forward to those benefits that a new Community Supervision Center will provide," Department Director Larry Crawford said.

Community Supervision Centers aren't designed to replace jails or prisons. The sites serve as traditional housing units where released offenders are required to work, attend school, attend treatment and fulfill other obligations ordered by the Missouri Parole Board or the Court. The U.S. Justice Department provides 90 percent of the funding for Community Supervision Centers, and the state pays 10 percent.

An extensive environmental assessment will have to be done before the purchase can be completed. The assessment includes evaluation of potential economic and environmental impact of the facility. That assessment is part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An environmental assessment is required any time the Department builds or does major renovations using funding from the Justice Department.

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